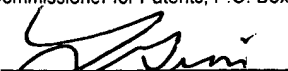


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction/Election of Species Requirement set forth in the non-final Office Action mailed October 3, 2006 (Paper No. 20060928), for which a response is due November 3, 2006. Accordingly this response is timely filed.

Entry of this Amendment prior to examination of the claims on the merits and consideration of the remarks contained herein regarding the required elections is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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